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# Testing for Colon Cancer

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## SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you come across a question you would rather not answer, feel free to skip it and go on to the next question.
- ◆ Your answers are confidential. No information will be presented or published in any way that would permit identification of any individual. Your name and answers will not be shared with anyone other than the researchers.
- ◆ Answer all the questions by checking the box next to your answer.

# Things to consider

**Start here:** People consider many things when thinking about getting tested for colon cancer. We would like to know what is important to you. Please rate each of the items below using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all important, 5 is somewhat important, and 10 is extremely important.

**A1.** When you think about whether or not you want to have a test for colon cancer, how important is it to you ...

	Not at all important to me				Somewhat important to me				Extremely important to me			
a. ...to try to find colon cancer or polyps early?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. ...to know whether or not you have colon cancer?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	

**A2.** When you think about which kind of colon cancer test to have, how important is it to you ...

	Not at all important to me				Somewhat important to me				Extremely important to me			
a. ...to choose a test that does not need to be done every year?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. ...to choose a test where you take medicine before the test that makes you sleepy?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
c. ... to choose a test that doesn't cost you a lot of	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	

**A3.** When people think about which kind of colon cancer test to have, sometimes there are things they specifically want to **avoid**. What number would you use to rate how important it is to you ...

	Not at all important to me				Somewhat important to me				Extremely important to me			
a. ...to avoid a test that requires you to handle your stool?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. ...to avoid a test that may be painful?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
c. ...to avoid a test where a tube is put into your rectum to look at the colon?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
d. ...to avoid a test that can cause bleeding or a tear in the colon?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. ...to avoid a test where you have to drink a liquid before the test to clean out the colon?	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	

# Facts about Colon Cancer Tests

**Start here:** These questions ask about your understanding of colon cancer tests. The correct answers are based on medical research and practice. Please do your best to answer each question, even if you did not have the test discussed in the question.

**C1.** For each of the following, mark whether it is a way to test for colon cancer.

a. Testing a urine sample	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Testing the stool for blood	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Looking inside the colon by putting a tube in the rectum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Testing blood taken from the arm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**C2.** At what age do doctors usually recommend people start getting regular tests for colon cancer?

- 30
- 40
- 50
- 60

**C3.** How do most colon cancers start?

- As a tear in the colon
- As a polyp in the colon
- As a result of constipation
- As a hemorrhoid

**C4.** For each of the following, mark whether or not it can increase the chance of a person getting colon cancer.

a. Being over age 50	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Having a history of inflammatory bowel disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Having heart disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Having a family history of colon cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

C5. You may not know the exact number, but please take your best guess. Out of every 100 people, about how many will **get** colon cancer some time in their lives? Please mark the number that you think is closest to the correct answer.

- 2
- 6
- 14
- 24
- 43

C6. Before some tests for colon cancer, people may be required to clean out their colon by drinking a lot of liquid that makes them move their bowels a lot. For each of the following colon cancer tests, mark whether or not it usually requires people to clean out their colon before the test.

a. Stool Blood Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Colonoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Sigmoidoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. CT scan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

C7. For each of the following colon cancer tests, mark whether or not it usually requires people to take medicine that makes them sleepy during the test.

a. Stool Blood Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Colonoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Sigmoidoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. CT scan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

C8. For each of the following colon cancer tests, if there is an abnormal test result, mark whether or not a follow-up colonoscopy is needed.

a. Stool Blood Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Colonoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Sigmoidoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. CT scan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

C9. Does having a colon cancer test result that is **not** normal always mean that a person has colon cancer?

- Yes
- No

C10. How often do serious problems, such as serious bleeding or a tear in the colon, happen as a result of a colonoscopy?

- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

C11. For a person with an average risk for colon cancer, which test do doctors recommend be done **every year**?

- Stool Blood Test
- Colonoscopy
- Sigmoidoscopy
- CT Scan

**C12.** For a person with an average risk for colon cancer, which test do doctors recommend be done every 10 years?

- Stool Blood Test
- Colonoscopy
- Sigmoidoscopy
- CT Scan

**C13.** How does regular testing for colon cancer change the chances that a person will die from colon cancer?

- Increases the chance of dying from colon cancer
- Decreases the chance of dying from colon cancer
- Does not change the chance of dying from colon cancer

**C14.** Which colon cancer test is least likely to **miss** a cancer?

- Stool Blood Test
- Colonoscopy
- Sigmoidoscopy
- CT Scan

**C15.** If the results of a colon cancer test are normal, is it possible that a person could still have colon cancer?

- Yes
- No

**C16.** You may not know the exact number, but please take your best guess. Out of every 100 people, about how many will **die** of colon cancer? Please mark the number that you think is closest to the correct answer.

- 3
- 8
- 15
- 24
- 30

